



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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Commissioner

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The Honorable Lawrence C. Ross, Chairman
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Science, Technology and Energy Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 304
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1568 An Act establishing a committee to study the siting and construction of industrial wind energy facilities

Dear Chairman Ross and Members of the Committee:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) appreciates the opportunity to testify regarding House Bill 1568 that would establish a committee to study the siting and construction of industrial wind energy facilities. DES supports the siting and construction of industrial wind energy facilities in New Hampshire, because of the significant environmental benefits that would be achieved by meeting future electricity demand growth with non-emitting wind energy rather than with energy from higher emitting fossil fuel-fired power plants. DES welcomes the opportunity to work with the members of the study committee to address any concerns regarding the siting and construction of industrial wind energy facilities consistent with New Hampshire's Energy Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments regarding HB1568. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact Air Resources Division Director Robert Scott (271- 1088) or Joanne Morin (271-5552).

Sincerely,


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cc: Members of the Science, Technology & Energy Committee
Rep. Ward
Rep. Phinizy
Rep. Renick
Rep. Powers